

I. **Mayor Fred Armstrong called a meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:00 P.M.**

- A. **Introduction of Page:** There were no pages this evening.
- B. **Opening Prayer** was given by Mike Malinsky of St. Peter's Lutheran Church
- C. **Pledge** – The Mayor led the pledge.
- D. **Roll Call:** Present: John Brown, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell.

**Absent:** None

- E. **Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting** – Martha Myers moved to accept the minutes of the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. John Brown seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

II. **Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action**

**Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2003, ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, DIRECTING THE USE AND REPAYMENT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (EDF) LOAN FOR DOREL JUVENILE GROUP, INC. AND RELATED MATTERS.”** Vicki Gochenor presented this request. There being no comments from the council or the audience, **John Brown moved to approve the ordinance. Craig Hawes seconded. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

III. **New Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. **Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 16, 2003, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.”** Vicki Gochenor introduced Myron Moorman, Owner and President of Advanced Mold and Engineering who gave the council a brief history of the company's successes and future plans. AME began in 1994 in Seymour, moved to Jonesville, and is now relocating in Woodside South Industrial Park. This request will be for the construction of a 16,500 square foot building, \$850,000 in investments, and 14 jobs. Craig Hawes stated the Incentive Review Committee had found Advanced Mold and Engineering to be in substantial compliance. George Dutro inquired as to where is the growth coming? Mr. Moorman stated that his company has secured major contracts with high quality and on-time delivery. August Tindell noted that the company pays an average of \$15.00 per hour and as high as \$20.00 per hour. **Craig Hawes moved to approve the resolution. Ann DeVore seconded. The resolution passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- B. **Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 17, 2003, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.”** Vicki Gochenor introduced Neil Thompson of Home New Enterprises. Mr. Thompson gave the background of the printing operation for Home New Enterprise which is located in Woodside South Industrial Park. Much of the company's Franklin and Commercial printing is being located in this operation. Craig Hawes stated the Incentive Review Committee had found Home News Enterprises to be in substantial compliance. This request is for a 6000 square foot expansion and \$900,000 in investment. **Craig Hawes moved to approve the resolution. Augie Tindell seconded. The resolution passed with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

**The record notes that John Brown abstained from the vote due to a perceived conflict of interest.**

At this time, Craig entered into the record that seven (7) companies were in compliance with their CF1 filing, but several were not and will be contacted. Those in compliance were Arvin-Meritor, Tohlease, Crescent, Cummins, Diamet, Fleet Business, Mac Tac, Rightway, and Sterling.

- C. **First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2003, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 7.54 ACRES, LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ROCKY FORD AND MARR ROADS FROM AG (AGRICULTURAL) TO SU-1 (CHURCHES).”** Roger Hunt gave the detail of this request from Community Church of Columbus that would allow for a private park and recreation area along the west side Marr road and north of Rocky Ford. Roger reviewed nine (9) conditions on the rezoning. Several questions pertained to safety of crossing over Marr Road from the church and the impact of the widening of Rocky Ford Road in the near future. **Craig Hawes moved to place the ordinance in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- D. **First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 23, 2003, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 24-1992 ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FROM THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY SERVED BY THE SEWAGE WORKS OF SAID CITY.”** Keith Reeves, Director of Columbus Utilities and Gary Pugh, Manager of quality control were present to answer questions. Keith Reeves gave the background of this request. Local surcharges have not been increased since 1992. A thorough study by H.J. Umbaugh and Associates determined the need and the amount of the charges to be set. Businesses that would be impacted are aware of this need to raise the charge. Effective date of the new charges is 60 days after passage of this ordinance. **George Dutro moved to suspend the rules in order to pass this ordinance in one reading. Ann DeVore seconded. This motion received the required unanimous consent of the council.**

**George Dutro moved to pass the ordinance. Craig Hawes seconded. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- E. **Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 18, 2003, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2003 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.”** Chuck Wilt went over the details of this request to spend capital improvement monies for 2003. The items include are repair of the Commons escalator, repair of the People Trail between Mill Race and Noblitt Parks, and moving the irrigation project forward for the soccer fields at Blackwell Park. Columbus Express Soccer Club is sharing in the cost of the irrigation system. **Martha Myers moved to approve the resolution. Augie Tindell seconded. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

#### **IV. Other Business**

- A. **Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.** Some reports were given for informational purposes. It was also announced that Police Community Night will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2003.
- B. Beth Stroh representing Connected Community gave an update on their activities and their request for future funding. At the conclusion of the power-point presentation, John Brown asked the city attorney to draft a resolution for the release of the requested funds that the council could consider at its next meeting.
- C. Next specially scheduled meeting of the council will be **Thursday, July 24, 2003 at 6:00 PM** to receive community input about Tax Increment Financing. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be **August 5, 2003 at 7:00 PM.**
- D. **Adjourn - Martha Myers moved to adjourn. John Brown seconded. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.**

ATTEST:

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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

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Columbus City Clerk Treasurer